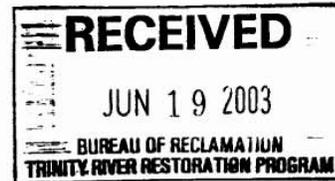


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Subject: Addendum #1, Response to 'EA/DEIR, Trinity River Bridges Project'
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Dear Mr. Schleusner;

Many local residents, including ourselves, are aware of the pending purchase of the property containing dredger tailings on the West side of the river approximately one-half mile downstream of the current Salt Flat Bridge. It is our understanding, though communication with BOR personnel that the cobble is to be used for river restoration purposes. It has further been communicated that the removal of the cobble is to be accomplished using a temporary bridge to be constructed in the immediate vicinity of this material. Further effort must be conducted regarding the construction of a permanent bridge in this area to replace the existing Salt Flat Bridge.

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Sincerely,


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RESPONSE TO COMMENT: 10

James Lee Bonk and Billie Jo Bonk

10-a: Elizabeth Weigel owns Trinity County Assessor's Parcel No. 025-120-08-00 located downstream of the Salt Flat Bridge on both sides of the Trinity River. There is a pending sale of the portion of the property west of the center line of the river to Scott McBain, subject to an environmental easement pursuant to Government Code Section 66418.2.

It is our understanding that Mr. McBain has indicated he is acquiring the property for the purposes of obtaining a source of spawning gravel for injection to the Trinity River for the purpose of fish habitat restoration.

Issuance of a Use Permit and Reclamation Plan to mine the parcel in question will require environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. At this point, it would be speculative to assume that a temporary bridge will be constructed to access the Weigel Property west of the Trinity River. Other methods, such as a barge, could be used to extract the gravel. Even if a bridge were to be constructed, it will provide legal access solely to the portion of the Weigel parcel being sold, and not to any other parcel. The legal right of access to other parcels on Salt Flat would have to be acquired by purchase or eminent domain. Acquiring the right by eminent domain would give rise to legal problems, which may not be overcome or could involve lengthy and expensive legal proceedings. With so many unknown factors, it is not appropriate to consider construction of a permanent bridge to the Weigel Property as an alternative to providing access for Salt Flat residents.